nd other defects. It is too early to ite what position will be taken by ates—parties to the NPT, who will partiipate in the review exercise.

Recovery of assessed amount from M/s. Hoechst

*39. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased o refer to the answer to unstarred question 1134 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5-5-1992 and state:

(a) when was the hearing given to M/s. Hoechst and whether this hearing was given after obtaining all the data as directed by the Bombay High Court;

(b) what is the outcome of the hearing and when was it communicated to the company;

(c) whether it is a fact that the company has failed to give the complete data as per the order of the Bombay High Court;

(d) if so, the details of action taken thereon;

(e) what are the details of steps taken to recover the amount assessed and whether any amount has been recovered during the last three months; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) In pursuance of the Bombay High Court Order, a hearing was proposed to be given to M/s. Hoechst in the last week of March 1992. The company, however, submitted a detailed representation dated 24th March, 1992. The Company has raised legal objections and is adopting the stand that necessary material has already been given. The representation of the Company has been examined and the data submitted by the company has been found to be insufficient and incomplete. The Company is being given one final opportunity to submit the data, failing which, Government would determine the tentative liability on the basis of whatever data is available and the company would be given a hearing, as required by the Bombay High Court Order, and a Speaking Order will be passed only thereafter.

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*40. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :**
श्री रणजीत सिंह :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार गत वर्ष से देश में नई औषधि नीति की घोषणा करने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो अभी तक सरकार द्वारा नई औषधि नीति की घोषणा न कर पाने के क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि किसी निर्धारित नीति के अभाव में इस अनिश्चित स्थिति का औषधि कंपनियों द्वारा लाभ उठाये जाने के कारण देश में, औषधियों के मूल्यों में तीव्र वृद्धि हो गयी है, यदि हां, तो मई, 1992 में, अप्रैल, 1991 की तुलना में, औषधियों के मूल्यों में कितने प्रतिशत वृद्धि हुई है; और

(घ) सरकार द्वारा उक्त औषधि नीति की घोषणा कब तक किये जाने की संभावना है ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिंता मोहन) : (क), (ख) और (घ) विसंगतियों और अनियमितताओं के बारे में अनेक संसद सदस्यों से अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त होने पर सरकार द्वारा 1990-91 में औषध नीति, 1986 की समीक्षा शुरू की गई थी । इस बीच औद्योगिक नीति, एक्जिम नीति और राजकोषीय नीति में भी परिवर्तनों की घोषणा की गई थी। इन परिवर्तनों के प्रभाव को ध्यान में रखते हुए और विसंगतियों/अनियमितताओं को दूर करने के उद्देश्य से औषध नीति, 1986 में अपेक्षित संशोधन विचार की अग्रिम अवस्था में है और उनके शीघ्र ही घोषित किए जाने की संभावना है ।

(ग) जी, नहीं। चूंकि औषध नीति, 1986 और डी.पी.सी.ओ., 1987 विद्यमान हैं, अत: किसी कपनी द्वारा लाभ उठाने का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Implementation of Kudraimozhi Project

122. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to implement the new project at Kudiraimozhi in Tamil Nadu by the Indian Rare Earths Limited;

(b) whether the pre-feasibility reports were approved by Government of India;

(c) whether the mine plan was approved by the Atomic Minerals Division; and

(d) what are the reasons for the delay in implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) A source of Ilmenite has been identified at Kudiraimozhi in Tamil Nadu by Atomic Minerals Division. It could be a possible area for mining in the future.

(b) & (c) The possibility of starting a mining operation in association with Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) alongwith Indian Rare Earth Ltd. is under consideration.

(d) World market for Ilmenite is depressed at present. There are enough stocks of Ilmenite in Kerala and Orissa. Unless the economic feasibility is well proven, it is not prudent to start the mining operations.

Production of Uranium Five Year Plan

123. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to drastic cut in the production of Uranium the country's progress in the nuclear field is likely to suffer during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) whether Government have also contemplated any concrete steps to boost the production of Uranium in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The production of Uranium and stocks in hand are sufficient to meet the requirements of Uranium for the planned nuclear power programme for the next 10 years.

(b) and (c) The Government is continuing its efforts in exploration and identification of new sources of uranium for economic recovery. A new source has been identified at Domiasiat in Meghalaya and exploratory mining is being done to establish commercial viability of this source.

Generation of atomic energy during Fifth Five Year Plan

124. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

SHRI SURENDER SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total energy generation by means of atomic energy during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the difference in generation cost in atomic energy, hydel and thermal power generation;

(c) how many atomic power reactors are proposed to be established with Soviet collaboration; and